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SUBJECT: CURRENT IMPASSE IN THE EC COUNCIL

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 7391; B. COPENHAGEN 3262

1. AS INDICATED IN THE REFTELS, AND IN THE PRESS, THERE HAVE BEEN REFERENCES TO A COMMUNITY "YEAR-END PACKAGE" ON WHICH THE CLOCK HAS BEEN STOPPED UNTIL JANUARY 7. WHILE THE MEMBER STATES MAY HAVE THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THE COMPONENTS OF THIS PACKAGE AND THE LINKAGE

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BETWEEN THE COMPONENTS, AS SEEN FROM BRUSSELS THERE ARE THREE MAJOR

ISSUES INVOLVED: (A) STEPS TOWARD A COMMON ENERGY POLICY; (B) THE RESOLUTION ON THE SECOND STAGE OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION (EMU); AND REGIONAL POLICY FUNDING.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE COMPONENTS OF THIS PACKAGE WAS NOT IMPOSED BY THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT, BUT BY THE UK AND ITALY. THE LINKAGE CAN THEREFORE BE LIFTED BY THESE MEMBER STATES AND, INDEED, BILATERAL EFFORTS TO THAT END ARE UNDERWAY (SEE BONN 18345). IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT OTHER EC POLICIES HAVE NOT BEEN BLOCKED BY THIS STOPPING OF THE CLOCK. EC BRUSSELS 7404 REPORTED A NUMBER OF COUNCIL ACTIONS ON LESSER ISSUES AND, IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAS NOW CONCLUDED WORK ON A PROGRAM OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICIES WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE NEXT COUNCIL. LASTLY, THE COUNCIL FAILED TO SETTLE SOME ISSUES PRIMARILY DUE TO LACK OF TIME (E.G., TRANSITIONAL REGIME PENDING NEW MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENTS), BUT THESE ISSUES ARE NOT SEEN LOCALLY AS PART OF THE "PACKAGE." GREENWALD

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